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Sir:

With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of an application for patent in the name(s) of:

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entitled: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD, NETWORK SYSTEM, RECORDING MEDIUM, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM

_ Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9(f) is claimed and the amounts shown in parentheses below have been employed.

The following are enclosed:

- X Specification
- X 25 Claims(s) (including 10 independent claim(s))
 - __ Preliminary Amendment
- X Unsigned Oath or Declaration, Power of Attorney & Petition
- X 19 Sheet(s) of Drawings
- X Our check for \$ 1,390.00 calculated as follows:

Basic Fee of \$740 (\$370)\$ 740.00

- 5 Total Claims in excess of 20 at \$18 (\$9)......\$ 90.00
- _7 Ind. Claims in excess of 3 at \$80 (\$40).....\$560.00

Fee of \$270 (\$135) for Mult. Dep. Claim.....\$ 0.00

Total Filing Fee\$1,390.00 Assignment Recording Fee of \$40\$ 0.00

X Certified copy of each of the following to substantiate the claim for priority:

> Application No. Filing Date Country P2000-371561 December 6, 2000 Japan



X Please charge any additional fees required for the filing of this application and any other fees required during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3125. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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